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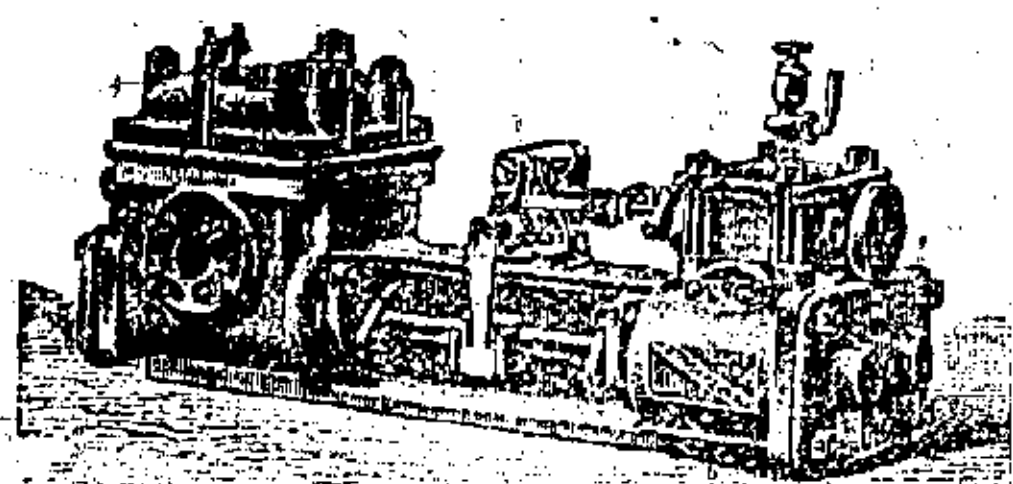
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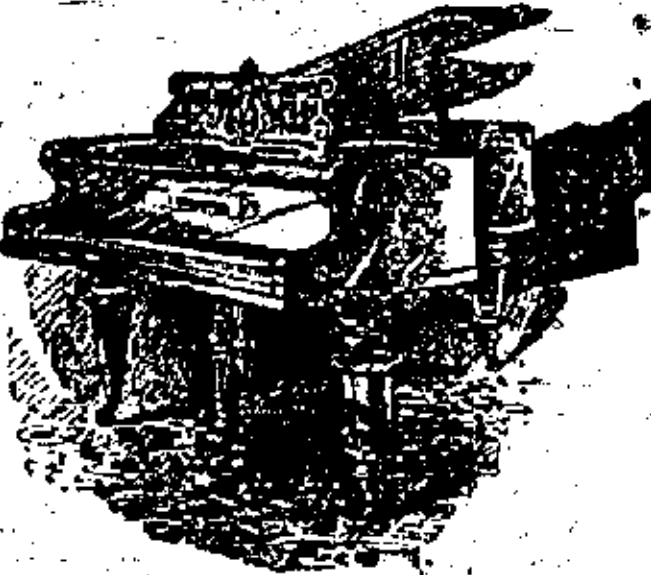
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE CERTIFICATE No. 2,686, dated
8th January, 1900, of the Shares
numbered 10,201 to 10,250 in this Com-
pany, standing in the name of Mr JAY
BUTT, of Yokohama, has been LOST,
and if at the expiration of One month from
the date hereof, the above document be
not forthcoming, another Certificate will
be issued by the Company, and thereafter
no other will be acknowledged.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
Governing Directors.
Hongkong, May 12, 1900. 1099

HUNG TAI.

GENERAL STORE KEEPER,
AND
SUPPLIER OF COAL
FOR HOUSE PURPOSES, AND ALSO
CIGARS AND CIGARETTES,
TOBACCO,
No. 13, Elgin Road,
Kowloon.
Hongkong, May 16, 1900. 1135

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY,
the 24th Instant, the ANNIVERSARY
of the BIRTHDAY of HER
MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE
QUEEN.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Co., Ltd.,
and
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
For the Union Insurance Society of Canton,
—, Ltd.,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

For the North China Insurance Co., Ltd.,
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent.
For the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.,
B. P. WADMAN,
Acting Secretary.

For the Yangtze Insurance Association,
—, Ltd.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

For the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
GEO. E. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

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WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST- MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a
MEETING of the Board of Direc-
tors of the above Company, held at the Re-
gistered Office of the Company, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March,
1900, the following resolutions were
passed:

1. That in pursuance of the provisions
of the Special Resolution passed at
an Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company held on the 7th,
and confirmed on the 27th March
instant, and since duly registered,
the sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn
from the Reserve Fund and be
carried as of the 2nd July next,
to the Credit of Capital Account,
each share being credited with a
sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in
addition to the sum of \$30 now
standing to the credit of each share.

2. That the balance of \$25 per share
of the Unpaid Capital of the Com-
pany be called up, and that a Call
be and is hereby made of \$25 per
share upon all the shares of the
Company, and that the Share-
holders be requested to pay the
sum to the Company's Bankers,
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation, at their premises,
Queen's Road Central, on or before
the 2nd day of July A. D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
accordingly.
And Notice is also given that, in ac-
cordance with Article 34 of the Company's
Articles of Association, interest will be
charged on from the said 2nd day of July
1900, at the rate of \$12 per centum per
annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid
after the 30th day of July 1900, up to the
actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 702

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE HONGKONG TIMBER YARD,
(Established 1852),
has this Day been REMOVED from No.
65, Praya East, Marine Lot 109, to Island
Lot 1608, BOWLINGTON CAYAL, near
Leighton Hill Road Bridge, and opposite
Leo Yuen Sugar Refinery.

L. MALLORY,
Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 1005

NOTICE.

CANTON ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND
FIRE EXTINGUISHING CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EX-
TRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Canton Electric Light-
ing and Fire Extinguishing Company,
Limited, will be held at the Company's
Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria,
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th day
of May, 1900, at 12 o'clock Noon, when
the subjoined Resolution which was passed
at the Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company held on the 9th day of May,
1900, will be submitted for confirmation as
a Special Resolution.

'That the Company be wound up volun-
tarily and that LI YUE TONG of Victoria,
Hongkong, one of the Managers of the Com-
pany, be and is hereby appointed Liquidator
for the purpose of such winding up.'

Dated 16th May, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
LI YUE TONG,
LIAO FENG SHU, } Managers.

'KIRIN.'

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QUARTS, \$2.90 per dozen.
PINTS, \$1.75 do.

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the Transaction of Public Business on
THURSDAY, the 24th Inst., the ANNIV-
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For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,'
—, D. W. GILMOUR,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,'
—, H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
—, CHOW W. F. PLATT,
Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India,
Limited,'
—, JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hong-
kong Agency,'
—, L. BERENDOAGUE,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,
Hongkong,'
—, J. C. BERGENDAHN,
Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
—, S. CHOH,
Manager.

For the 'Imperial Bank of China,'
—, E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

For the 'Deutsch-Asiatische Bank,'
—, H. SCHULTZHAENDER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, May 19, 1900. 1160

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of our Mr. A.
G. GORDON from the Colony, Mr.
JOHN A. STOPAN will SIGN our
FIRM per procuration.

GORDON & Co.,
16, Praya Central.
Hongkong, May 16, 1900. 1129

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I HAVE this Day REMOVED my
Residence from No. 65, Praya East,
to No. 7, Leighton Hill Road.

L. MALLORY,
Hongkong, May 16, 1900. 1148

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required, how divided, inducements.
Answers confidential.—CHANCEY H. GOOD-
WIN, Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.
Hongkong, May 17, 1900. 1156

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COMMISSION AGENTS,
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HONGKONG.

Agents for 'ARMOUR' PACIFIC COMPANY.
Hongkong, May 7, 1900. 1058

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PASSAGE to COLOMBO or SINGA-
PORE for CINGALESE Attendant.
Kindly quote terms to
W. C. BARTLOW,
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Hongkong, May 18, 1900. 1153

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LEE HING & Co.,

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Hongkong, May 19, 1900. 1156

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LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FINAL
CALL of \$0.40 per SHARE has
been made in respect of the 'B' SHARES
in the above-named Company, and that
such call is PAYABLE to the General
Managers, on the 27th day of July Next,
at the Offices of the Company, 38 and 40,
Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, May 18, 1900. 1150

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Notes by the Way.

The return of plague cases up to noon on the 22nd May showed that twenty-two fresh cases and twenty-seven deaths occurred during the preceding 24 hours.

The Post Office will be closed on Thursday, 24th inst. (Queen's Birthday), except from 8 to 9 a.m. Night box will be left open. Money Order office will be temporarily closed.

A new section has been opened in the Tung Wan Kuan, of Canton, for the study of French, and Mr. Martell, formerly of Hongkong, has been appointed teacher by H. E. Li Hung Chang.

The Japanese battleship *Asahi* which grounded at Southern, Portsmouth, lately, requires some slight repairs on account of the accident and she will not leave for Japan until the middle of June next.

The British Minister has entered a vigorous protest with the Chinese Government against the conduct of the Chinese Commissioners at Weihaiwei, who to all appearance are responsible for what has occurred there.

Plague Returns.
During the week ended 19th May there have been 96 cases of plague notified in this Colony of which 86 resulted fatally. There was also one fatal case of small-pox.

Honouring a Dead Fox.
Lord Methuen at his own expense has erected a tomb to the French strategist Villebois Mareuil who was killed in an engagement near Boslof. The French warily appreciate Lord Methuen's action.

The Relief of Mafeking.
The White Mahatma while at Hongkong gave the date of the relief of Mafeking as 10th May and at Shanghai gave the date as the 15th May. The prophets were nearer the mark at Shanghai than here.

The Philippine Commission.
The U.S.S. *Hancock*, with the members of the Philippine Commission on board, was at Yokohama on May 17. The members of the Commission are Judge Taft, President, Judge Ide, Mr. L. E. Wright, Professor Bernard Moses, and Professor Dean Worcester. These will constitute the supreme authority in the Philippines. The families of several of the commissioners will stay at Yokohama during the summer to avoid the unpleasant hot season of Manila.

A Tip for the Authorities.
With regard to the gambling case yesterday it may be interesting to note that the house at 244 Hollywood Road has been raided three times, during the past twelve months. On the first occasion a man was killed by jumping through the smoke-hole at the back. The first defendant had been twice convicted. It would appear as if this house was a regular resort of gamblers, and what people want to know is, can anything be done to put a stop to the nuisance? The landlord of the place, if he is responsible, ought surely to be got at.

Trans-Pacific Freight.
The steamship companies running on the Pacific Ocean have been passing communications in San Francisco lately with the view of arranging to raise the freight tariff as follows:—

Ten per lb.	1.50
Dry goods	12.00
Straw matting	1.25
Silk fabrics	6.00

The arrangement has been completed and telegraphed to the offices en route in Yokohama and the new freight tariff will take effect on and after the 15th inst. Another dispatch states that the N.Y.K. will take silk fabrics at 5 1/2 cts. by special arrangements. The rate of freight from America to Japan has this afternoon been generally raised 25 per cent. and the freight per ton on flour, which was yen 12 hitherto, has been raised to yen 15.—*Kobe Herald.*

The Defence of Shanghai.
The N.Y. Daily News of May 16 has the following:—Last evening the Settlement presented the appearance of being invested by an army corps, the occasion being the first practice by the S. V. C. of the scheme of defence of the Settlement drawn up last year by Major Morris. The whole of the force, excepting the Naval company, assembled on the Bund at 5.45, and the muster was a very creditable one, the cyclists being well represented. A few minutes after falling in the general service wagon drove up, drawn by two ponies with a driver from the S. V. A. The wagon was laden with rifle and Nordenfild ammunition. The ammunition was distributed in the boxes to each unit as it arrived, after which it was returned to the wagon which went back as if for a further supply. The wagon was loaded up again and sent out with artillery ammunition and sent to the gunnery at the British Consulate. The officers commanding units received their orders under cover and the force at once moved off to their respective stations. The men were moved singly and in about 45 minutes they had complete communication and defensive posts all round the Settlement, the bicycles proving especially valuable in taking messages from post to post. Altogether the work was well done, especially as it was the first turn-out of the kind. The issue of ammunition was carried out by Sergeant Major J. Lowrie, his experience in work of this kind standing the corps in good stead indeed.

Steamer Headache Cure.
A reliable remedy identical compound and approved by the Medical profession wherever it is known. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE

THE WAR.

THE RELIEF OF MAFKING.

THE FRUITS OF VICTORY.

COMPLETE DEFEAT OF THE BOERS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, May 22, 1 a.m.

The relief of Mafeking on the 17th inst. is officially notified. Colonel Pienner's force from the North united with a portion of the column advancing from the south, and the combined forces shared in the honour of driving off the besiegers and entering the town. The complete defeat of the investing forces under Commandant Snyman is confirmed. President Kruger's grandson and 198 of the enemy were captured.

For his plucky defence of the town, the Queen has promoted Colonel Baden-Powell to the rank of Major-General.

BOYRUS SERVICE.

London, 19th May.

THE WAR—THE RELIEF OF MAFKING.

Reuter's correspondent at Lourenco Marques 19th inst. confirms the relief of Mafeking which was effected on the 16th inst. Details are anxiously awaited. Everything in connection with the relief column has hitherto been kept an absolute secret and even the name of the commander is not known. The War Office has had no news of the town yet.

A Te Deum was sung at St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. The Lord Mayor and Sheriff were unable to attend, as it was impossible for them to leave the Mansion House on account of the crowd. It was officially announced in Pretoria on the 19th inst. that General Delarey engaged the British relief column at Mafeking successfully on the whole of Wednesday, but during the night one of his officers withdrew from a position without the General's knowledge, leaving the way for the column to enter.

London, 20th May.

NATAL.

Reuter's correspondent at Capetown reports that the Boers have exploded the tunnel at Laings Nek. (The destruction of the tunnel at Laings Nek is likely to be a serious difficulty to the advance of Sir Redvers Buller's force into the Transvaal, but it is not an insurmountable difficulty for the intrepid British General.) The pass through the Drakensberg Mountains known as Laings Nek is 5,300 feet above the sea level. The tunnel under the pass being blocked, the advance will have to be made over the pass by the road the gradient of which is very easy. The authorities are again trying to negotiate the train in the financial market by the artificial measure referred to without taking any serious steps towards relief. This gold bullion imported as stated was deposited in the Bank of England and the Yokohama Specie Bank applied to the Government several times to sell the bullion to their London branch so as to swell the draft fund almost exhausted by the constant excess of imports in the country's trade. The authorities refused to comply with their request and determined to import it to Japan.—*Kobe Herald.*

THE TRANSVAAL.

President Kruger has notified the foreign Consuls that Johannesburg will be defended and disarmed responsibility for persons or property.

PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

President Kruger has proposed an exchange of prisoners to Lord Roberts.

The correspondent of the *New York Herald* at Lourenco Marques says that President Kruger has decided to send a message to Lord Roberts requesting the cessation of hostilities, demanding a guarantee for the lives of the Boers with the colonials and stating that unless these terms are granted the mines at Johannesburg will be exploded and the town destroyed.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—
On the 22nd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer was low in the China coast, owing to a low pressure area which seems to be moving Eastwards over the N.E. coast. Gradients continue slight for S. and S.W. winds in S. China. Forecast:—moderate S.W. winds; squally, showery.

Japanese Shipping.
The N.Y.E. new steamer *Shinkawa*, which was launched in January last at Glasgow, has been completed, and will leave for Japan by the end of this month. Upon her arrival in Japan, she will be placed on the European line, while the *Kamakura* now on that route, will be employed on the American service.—*Wagoner's Press.*

BEWARE OF A COUGH.

A COUGH is not a disease but a symptom. Consumption and bronchitis, which are the most dangerous, and fatal diseases, have for their first indication a persistent cough, and if properly treated as soon as this cough appears are easily cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven wonderfully successful, and gained a wide reputation and extensive sale by its success in curing the disease which causes coughing. It is not beneficial if it will not cost you a cent. For sale by all Dealers, Watson & Co., Gen. Agents.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Police Judge, and a Jury.)
Monday, May 21, 1900.

THE COFFEE PLANTATION ARRESTED ROBBERY.

Six Chinese and a Chinese woman were charged with (1) committing an armed robbery on 6th April at a house at Coffee Plantation, and (2) with receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen. They pleaded not guilty. Mr. Robinson appeared for some of the prisoners. The jurors were Messrs A. Muller, D. Haskell, K. P. Harbat, E. Kelly, E. Patten, E. S. Joseph, and J. A. Gubbins. Mr. Pollock on behalf of the Attorney General, said there were two counts against the prisoners in this case. In the first count they were charged with armed robbery on the 6th April at the Coffee Plantation in this colony, and in the second count they were charged with receiving stolen goods previously stolen at a place called Tain, well knowing at the time they received the goods that they were stolen. The evidence against the first, second, third, fourth, and possibly the seventh prisoners was more or less circumstantial in nature, but as regarded the fifth and sixth prisoners they had direct evidence of identification. One of the complainants would tell them that, at one o'clock on the morning of the 6th April, he and his wife were asleep in a room when three men came into the room and he could identify the fifth and sixth prisoners as being two of them. Each of them had a revolver and the sixth prisoner also had a torch. These men and their faces whittened with some mixture by way of disguise. They had no other clothing on besides a pair of trousers and one of them he could identify by a mark on his shoulder while the other had a mark on one of his cheeks. Outside doors were opened and two men apparently confederates, and when they shouted "come on" the five bolted, taking with them the clothing and money they had looted. Six of the prisoners were arrested four hours later in a marsh with part of the booty in their possession. The other prisoner, however, strongly enough, was taken to the Police Station. He came there and claimed some of the things as his property. He was identified by the complainant and his wife and was consequently placed under arrest. Evidence was led at great length, the Court adjourning at five o'clock.

TUESDAY, May 22, 1900.
The hearing of the Office Plantation case was resumed.

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN JAPAN.

THE SPECIFIC QUESTION.

The economic outlook in Japan continues to receive attention in the Japanese press. A peculiar set of facts is disclosed by one paper which states that the N. Y. K. steamer *Ami* has brought to Yokohama gold bullion valued at over 2,500,000 from London consigned to the Yokohama Specie Bank. The bullion was not landed in Yokohama but will be brought, to Kobe about to be forwarded to the Osaka Mint. Further shipments of gold bullion for this country are expected, and the N. Y. K. office is in receipt of notice that the *Ami* has brought to Nagasaki from London on the 19th inst. gold bullion valued at 1,000,000. In consequence of the excess of imports gold currency is of course fast flowing out of the country and this condition of affairs is not expected to ease for three or four months yet. Yet gold bullion is being imported and sent to the Yokohama Specie Bank. The Japanese press stands this. The authorities attempted a temporary remedy in the financial state of the country by importing the Chinese indemnity in cash last year, but trade this year has proved their efforts a failure. The authorities are again trying to negotiate the train in the financial market by the artificial measure referred to without taking any serious steps towards relief. This gold bullion imported as stated was deposited in the Bank of England and the Yokohama Specie Bank applied to the Government several times to sell the bullion to their London branch so as to swell the draft fund almost exhausted by the constant excess of imports in the country's trade. The authorities refused to comply with their request and determined to import it to Japan.—*Kobe Herald.*

Railway Regiments.

The French military authorities are planning the creation of six railway regiments. The war in the Transvaal has shown what an important part railway operations will play in all future conflicts. According to the *London Review*, the regiments will be recruited among railway employees, and they will be drilled in running trains, repairing and destroying racks, telegraphs, etc.

Plague and Bank Notes.

The *Kobe Chronicle* says:—Now that plague is again prevalent in Japan, the authorities might find it advisable to order the withdrawal by the Banks of paper money in circulation that is dirty and defaced, and its reissue or exchange for fresh paper. There is no doubt that some of the paper money in circulation is dirty, filthy, and can rightly be termed "filthy lucre." It may easily be the means of conveying infection.

The Boxers.

A most opportune prophetic tablet of the Ming dynasty has been found by the Boxers in a coal mine, in which among other things it is pointed out that the Ministers are all untrustworthy persons; their most detestable work is the negotiation of treaties with foreign nations. Foreigners are apparently to be exterminated on the 9th day of the 9th month (21st of October). Placards have also been widely posted up warning the people that foreigners are poisoning the wells.

The Yokohama Specie Bank.

A special general meeting of the Yokohama Specie Bank, held on the 19th inst., it was reported that half of the twelve million yen which was recently decided to add to the capital had been taken up, and the first call had been paid up. A proposal recommended by the directors of the bank to present bonuses to the employees of the bank and other gentlemen who had done so much for the bank, was unanimously adopted. The amount of the money to be so presented is said to be between ¥200,000 and ¥300,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, May 21.

Sir—It is rumored that a decision is about to be taken with reference to a new headquarters, or an extension to the present place, with its tennis lawn attached, which is scarcely large enough for the corps to form up in, much less drill.

If it is so, it is to be hoped that those upon whom the decision rests will look far enough ahead. With the new Admiralty dock and Messrs Butterfield and Swire's new dock and the large staffs of British troops which will employ, it is to be expected that a large increase of the Corps will ensue, to say nothing of recruits from the steady increase in the general population now going on.

Hongkong can show some striking examples of short-sightedness in public works, for instance Tsim Sha Reui, the Central Market, and the Kowloon Waterworks, which were calculated to give sufficient supply for the next twenty years and within three years of completion were shown to be altogether behind requirements.

There is no reason why these mistakes should be repeated with accommodation for the H. K. V. C.—Yours etc.

LOOKAHEAD.

THE KOWLOON WATER SUPPLY.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, May 21.

Sir—Allow me through the medium of your paper to call attention to a most unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding the Water Supply at Kowloon. This morning, I was at the Police Station, about the time most people wish to take their morning bath, not a drop of water could be drawn from the taps in the houses, not because of the scarcity of water, but because of the insufficient or inefficient working order of the pumping station at Yau-Ma-Tei, which I am exceedingly informed.

I cannot well conceive a worse state of affairs, assuming that my information is correct, and I have no reason to doubt its authenticity. The Water Authority is empowered to make changes for extra consumption of water, but it is apparently does not see the necessity to provide for the upkeep of the pumping machinery to supply the water.

What would be the fate of a Company neglecting to keep its Plant in proper working order? It can be summed up in one word, "insolvency." Last month there was some anxiety amongst residents of this "most favoured Isle" as to the probability of the water supply giving out.

It is a fact that there is a limited supply of water in the reservoirs. May there not now be some justifiable anxiety as to whether the Water Authority will be capable of distributing the water that is stored? If he is incapable, the sooner he intimates the fact, the better. The Water Authority should be charged to change the community will have of making some arrangements to meet the difficulty themselves.—Yours faithfully,

OBSERVER.

CLERKSHIP.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, 21st May, 1900.

DEAR SIR—I shall not call it a duty but the advisability of employers, who seek suitable clerks for important posts, to study this subject carefully.

A system of competition for vacancies at the Post Office has been established, I believe, some years ago. Could not employers of lucrative positions now resort to the same method? Examination papers could be handed to candidates whose answers would be required within a stipulated time. The most successful candidate might be declared to be chosen in so far as his qualifications for the position are concerned, but his selection would be subject to the approval of the employer. The advantages of a competitive system are many and incline towards employers, whose confidence as regards the "newly elected" knowledge of office or general work, after perusal of their papers, need not be questioned. There are many, carrying with them exceptional abilities and qualifications, who would occupy very important posts, if this system had been adopted, but whose lot is to pine away on a starving pay and desk, may be till their old age.

Were it a possibility to compile a table of the names of the men who are doing their best in the public service, and to place them in a box along with some whisky and cigars, it is to be hoped that at the stage of the proceedings they had been disturbed, for they seem to have been in a hurry, without taking time to answer up this box. The clerk and co-lessee were in a great state of excitement, but being unable to do anything they wisely allowed things to remain as they were till their master's return. Mr. Mumford appeared on the scene about twelve o'clock, and at once took steps to place the Police in possession of all the information, but one thing he said, "I am exactly what has been taken away, but he misses two new felt hats, a clock, an umbrella and a musical box. 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